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SUBJECT: MINNESOTA GALLERY ART EXCHANGE

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1. RE REF A, MINCULT'S BUTROVA SAYS THAT "LIST OF RUSSIAN WRITERS" IS LIST OF BOOKS TO BE INCLUDED IN SUPPLEMENTARY RARE BOOK COLLECTION PROPOSED FOR EXHIBIT IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY'S DEPARTMENT OF RARE BOOKS. THUS IT APPEARS THAT LIST WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, BUT ITEMS ON IT WOULD. QUESTION OF BOOK EXHIBIT IS MOOT AT MOMENT, DEPENDING ON DECISION BY INGOSSTRAKH TO ACCEPT MINNESOTA CONDITION THAT BOOK EXHIBIT BE INCLUDED IN INSURANCE COVERAGE ALREADY AGREED UPON BY MINNESOTA FOR ART EXHIBIT.

2. RE PARA 4 REF A, BUTROVA STATED THAT MINCULT CANNOT, RPT NOT, FURNISH WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT BECAUSE INGOSSTRAKH IS THE RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION AND MINCULT'S ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON INGOSSTRAKH'S.

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3. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM A.A. RUNOV, CHIEF OF CARGO INSURANCE AT INGOSSTRAKH IN RESPONSE TO P&C LETTER TRANSMITTING INFORMATION IN REF B. RUNOV STATES THAT INGOSSTRAKH HAS NO OBJECTION TO RECEIVING PREMIUM PAYMENT BY CHECK OR BANK DRAFT TO INGOSSTRAKH ACCOUNT NUMBER 60800036 AT SOVIET BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE

(VNESHTORGBANK) IN MOSCOW FROM MINNESOTA'S DESIGNATED AGENT HUNTINGTON BLOK, ON CONDITION THAT INGOSSTRAKH WILL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS TO BLOK.

4. RE REF C, ,ADAME BUTROVA STATED THAT MINCULT WILL SUPPORT VISA APPLICATION AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR LOYCE HOULTON, BUT CANNOT, RPT NOT, PAY HER EXPENSES. FYI EMBOFF MENTIONED EFROS AND LEVENTAL' STAYS IN MINNESOTA END FYI. BUTROVA NOTED THAT BOLSHOI CURRENTLY ON TOUR AND ULANOVA OUT OF MOSCOW. BOLSHOI EXPECTED BACK END OF AUGUST. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH LETTER LISTING APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED BY HOULTON AND CONFIRMATION FROM MINCULT FOR AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 10 PERIOD. TOON

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